141. The desirability of opening a properly equipped Secondary School for Girls at Alleppey.

Mr. K A. Krishna Aiyenaar B. A., B. L. (Member, T. I. C., Alleppey) said that, though a Lower Grade School for Girls for Alleppey was sanctioned towards the close of 1089, it had not yet become a reality for want of a Sirkar building. There was the old Munsiff's Court building now occupied by the local P. W. D. Section Office. Close to it was the old District Jail building, a portion of which was used for accommodating the civil-debtors. He suggested that the Section Office might be shifted to a portion of the Jail building and the Munsiff's Court building made available for the Girls' School. All that could be effected without much cost. In reply to the query from the Dewan, he said that, if sentiment was not to be considered, the jail building would be more convenient for the Girls' School. A few windows and doors would have to be provided and the southern side of the building partitioned off for the civil debtors. But it would be less costly to convert the Munsiff's Court building into a school. He was indifferent as to which of the two buildings was selected, but he urged that the plea of want of a building should not be kept up any longer.

He also requested that an Elementary School for Girls should be established at Alleppey, to serve as a feeder for the Secondary School. He drew pointed attention to the fact that, though Alleppey was one of the important towns viewed from any stand-point, it had no Elementary School for Girls, nor was a pucka building available for the Lower Grade Secondary School either for boys or for girls. He asked for some volume of justice being shown to the town in the matter of educational facilities.

Dewan's reply.—Dr. Bishop will be asked to inspect the two buildings in company with the Member and make a report. If possible, steps will be taken to start the Secondary School from the beginning of the next school year.

142. Want of educational facilities in the Muvattupuzha taluk.

Mr. Thariathu Kunjithomman (Member, Muvattupuzha taluk) expressed his regret that, in spite of repeated representations from the taluk, the highly backward condition of education in the taluk had not received any consideration at the hands of the Government. In point of area, population and land revenue, the taluk was in the forefront, but the number of school-going population was only, 1 $\frac{1}{4}$ per 1000. He represented the northern half of the taluk and if the figures were separately taken, the number of literates in that portion would come down to $\frac{1}{4}$ per 1000. It was true that there was one L. G. S. School for boys for the whole taluk, but that would not serve the needs of the northern half of the taluk. The Government had recently, decided on the report of the Director, that an additional Secondary School was not required for the taluk. He failed to see the principles or the standard adopted by the department in deciding where schools should be opened. If the principle was that more than one Secondary School should not be given to a taluk, he could cite many instances of breaches of the rule. Further, the taluk was big enough to warrant a partition into two taluks. He requested therefore that an unbiassed enquiry might be conducted as to the educational requirements of the taluk and a Lower Grade Secondary School ordered to be opened at Kothamangalam near the market. He added that, in the event of the Secondary School being shifted from Alwaye, it might be located at Kothamangalam.

He also requested that the two L. G. E. School for Boys and Girls in the taluk should be raised to the higher grade.

Dewan's reply.—Noted.

143. The establishment of a Higher Grade Secondary School in the Alwaye town.

Mr. M. K. Makkar Pilla (Member, T. I. C., Alwaye) said that the need for a Higher Grade Secondary School at Alwaye had formed the subject of repeated representations from the members of the taluk.

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